



Weekly Information & Communication



**February, 1 2016**

## **Conference Call this Thursday!**

Please join us on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for our local agency conference call. There are some very important program/policy updates, so attendance is very important. Please see [agenda](#) for Webex and call in information.

## **Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Conference Call**

The next BPCP conference call will be Thursday, February 25, 2016. It is scheduled for 9:00am to 10:00am. The call-in number will be 1-866-910-4857 (code 768324). Please submit any agenda items you have to [cfogelman@mt.gov](mailto:cfogelman@mt.gov) by February 17, 2016.

## **WIC Conference and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative**

The [registration](#) for the WIC Conference and the Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative will open February 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like to have as many WIC staff attend as possible and we believe we have the funding to make that happen. For us to assess funding availability, we are asking the lead local agency to submit this [application](#) outlining all staff they would like to send (one application per region) by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Note that this application is not considered registration; it is simply a way for us to account for all staff who would like to attend. We will review the requests and let you know who has been approved for the funding. More details will be provided on the February 4<sup>th</sup> conference call with local agencies.

Room reservations can be made at the Fairmont Resort under the "Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative" (do not use the "Baby Friendly"). The hotel will tell you that they will charge the first night to your credit card. If you cancel your room 72 hours or more before your arrival date it will be returned to you. Call 1-800-332-3272 or 406-797-3241.

## **January Time Study Notice**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, is the **FINAL** deadline for your January Time Study. Please complete ASAP, if you have not already done so. If you have questions, please contact Kelly at 444-0909, or [KAughney@mt.gov](mailto:KAughney@mt.gov). Thank you everyone for your participation on this.

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## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

Risk Code 359 Recent Major Surgery, Trauma, Burns is defined as major surgery (including C-sections), trauma or burns severe enough to compromise nutritional status.

Any occurrence:

- Within the past two months may be self-reported.
- More than two months previous must have the continued need for nutritional support diagnosed by a physician or health care provider working under the orders of a physician.

Some examples of when this code could be used include: a woman who has come into the clinic to recertify with her baby and she reports she had a C-section; a child spilled boiling water on self and has burns.... and many more. Please review the [attached guidance](#) for more details and justification.

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## February Outreach Idea

In the month of February, focus your outreach at local Health Fairs and Hospitals. Potentially eligible participants may frequent these places more often, with the New Year and resolutions of improved health. Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with your local hospital and health clinics to promote WIC where possible.

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## GOLD Lactation Online Breastfeeding Conference

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference presented by GOLD Lactation will begin April 11, 2016. Some of the sessions are live online and all will be recorded for access at your convenience until June 6, 2016. For information about early-bird registration, regular registration, speakers, live presentations and the over-all schedule check <http://www.goldlactation.com>. WIC CEUs would be available for select sessions, check with Chris for this conference.

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## Health in the 406 – Sign Up Today

Health in the 406 is regular communication by DPHHS on a variety of wellness topics designed to raise awareness of issues that impact the daily lives of Montana's. January's message is about preventing falls, which is especially important in the winter. [Visit the page](#) and sign up for these regular email messages.

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